

**Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:00 PM**

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, Thomas Fiore, John Lebeaux, James McCaffrey, and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants, #06103S in the amount of \$519,270.79, #06105 in the amount of \$268,998.35, #06108 in the amount of \$3,855,925.48, #0701 in the amount of \$298,306.06, and #0704 in the amount of \$551,157.40. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Approve minutes June 19, 2006. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
3. Announcements – No announcements this evening.
4. Town Manager's Report – Nothing other than what is on the Agenda.

Meetings:

5. 7:05pm – Rep. Karyn Polito – Budget Review. Rep Polito was present and distributed materials to the Board. She reviewed the FY 07 budget noting the changes. She also noted that the bill Senator Augustus filed with the regarding the Water Management Study Group he worked on with Mr. Morgado's help had been passed on to Committee with no changes. Rep Polito advised the Board that very soon DOR will be releasing a property tax measure for cities and towns to consider adopting allowing for a real estate tax exemption for seniors. There will be criteria for this exemption and a question to be considered. It will depend on how many take advantage as to what the impact will be. The Representative noted that the legislative session is winding down but she hoped to see a vote on Centech Boulevard before the session ends. A few items will be held over to the next session including the SHA housing on Lake Street near the Glavin Center. She also noted that she has sponsored a bill for school nurses that is before the Governor right now. After a discussion and several questions from the Board, Mr. Lebeaux thanked Rep. Polito for coming in and giving them this update.
6. 7:15pm - Katherine Wellington, Investment Property Specialist, Inc. – Rezoning. Ms. Wellington and Matt Smith were present. Ms. Wellington reviewed the petition for rezoning for the property at the corner of Lake Street and Route 9 owned by Rose Marie Levesque. She advised the Board that she would also like to purchase the town-owned right of way abutting the property on Route 9. This right-of-way was acquired by the town when Route 9 was constructed. If she is successful in the rezoning and acquiring the right-of-way she would develop the property into a two story building to accommodate retail stores on the first floor, which would be suitable for a coffee shop type business, and offices on the second floor. Mr. Lebeaux advised the applicant that these types of requests require Town Meeting approval and Ms. Wellington should be prepared to present her plans for development to the Town Meeting. After a discussion and questions from the Board, motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to refer the request for rezoning to the Planning Board. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to pursue the sale of the rights to the right-of-way parcel on Route 9 abutting the property. Property owners on Douglas Circle will be contacted regarding the zoning change at 489 Boston Turnpike to determine if they wish to have their property included in the zoning change.

Public Hearings:

Old Business:

7. Sign Amendment to the Traffic Rules & Orders – Removal of No Parking Signs, Baker Avenue. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the Amendment.
8. Private Signs on Public Property. Mr. Lebeaux reminded the Board that earlier this year they had been contacted by residents regarding the increase in the amount of signage in the center of town on poles and on trees and free

standing. He advised the Board that this weekend he had observed a For Sale by Owner real estate sign on the Common and in the traffic island where the Rotary clock is located. These signs are put up prior to an event but not removed after it is over. If they are removed tape residue, nails, and staples are left behind on the poles. In the case of the new lights in the center, when the signs are ripped off they take paint from the pole off as well. Mr. Lebeaux added that a lot of work had been done to beautify the center and the ornamental lights had been purchased by residents at a substantial price. These signs detract from the appearance of the center and deface the lights. A discussion on what the Board could do to prevent this type of behavior followed. Various solutions to the problem were suggested. Mr. Morgado advised that the town does have a by-law in place regarding signage. Mr. Fiore said that if something is done regarding signs then it should be enforced on a town-wide basis and not just limited to the center. Me. DePalo asked that a survey be done to determine what other towns do regarding signs. Decision was tabled until survey is completed.

New Business:

9. Request from School Dept. Business Manager, Patrick Collins, to use Town Seal on bus passes. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve Mr. Collins' request.
10. Subcommittee Assignments. Mr. Lebeaux advised the Mr. DePalo had agreed to take Mr. Hammond's place on the Land Use Subcommittee and Mr. McCaffrey had expressed interest in serving on the Public Safety and Financial & Municipal Operations Subcommittees.
11. Shrewsbury Rotary Club, One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License for event in conjunction with Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival at Hoagland Pincus Conference Center, 222 Maple Avenue, Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. Motion was made, seconded and voted four in favor, with Mr. Fiore abstaining, to approve the application.
12. Discussion – Inclusionary Housing Regulations. Mr. Morgado advised that the Planning Board will be holding a hearing on this subject on Thursday, July 13th. He asked that Board members attend if possible. Mr. Lebeaux and Mr. McCaffrey will attend. The Board discussed various questions regarding the document and agreed that notification of availability of the affordable units should remain local.
13. Reappoint John Knipe, Jr. to serve as Board of Selectmen's delegate and Michael Hale as alternate on the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission for FY07. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to reappoint John Knipe, Jr. as the Selectmen's representative. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to reappoint Michael Hale as alternate.
- 13a. License Fee Survey. Mr. Lebeaux advised that the last time fees for licenses issued by the Board had been reviewed was approximately ten years ago. He added that a review should be done and completed before license renewals go out in October. The Finance & Municipal Operations Subcommittee will study the current rate structure and make recommendations to the full Board in late summer or early fall.

Executive Session:

14. Collective bargaining, pending litigation and value of real property. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:43pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussion of the value of real property. The Board was polled, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. McCaffrey, yes, Mr. Fiore, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Lebeaux, yes.

Communication:

15. Noted copy mailed: Independent Auditor's Report – Compliance & Control Over Compliance Applicable to Mass. School Districts. Everything is in order.
16. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Joy Buck, 11 Greylock Avenue, re Avian Flu. Forward to Nancy Allen.
17. Noted copy mailed: Street Sweeping Report, 6/9/06. Completed.
18. Noted copy mailed: Municipal Benchmarking Newsletter, June 2006.
19. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 6/6/06, Alan Hokanson, 205 No. Quinsigamond Ave.
20. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 6/6/06, Ban Coolidge, 28 Tatum Road.
21. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 6/6/06, Mark Freeman, 17 Stonybrook Lane.
22. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 6/6/06, Michele & Kent Taft, 62 Mercury Drive.

23. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 6/6/06, Vasilios & Vasiliki Kouvaros, 220A So. Quinsigamond Ave.
24. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 6/6/06, Nicholas Maruca, 30 Vista Drive.
25. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 6/6/06, Rene & Steve Olivieri, 24 Richard Avenue.
26. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, Kambiz Shadloo & Sharifeh Haghayeghi, 41 Avon Avenue.
27. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Maria Sheehan re More Hometown Video Award Winners. The Board extended congratulations to all the winners.
28. Noted copy mailed: Message from Edward M. Healy expressing interest in reappointment as an alternate to the Historic District Commission for a three year term expiring June 30, 2009. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to reappoint Edward Healy as an alternate member of the Historic Commission for a term of three years expiring June 30, 2009.
29. Noted copy mailed: Letter from George Brodeur, 15 Harrington Farms, re military service recognition. Forward to Veterans Agent, Richard Perron and the war memorial group.
30. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Mr. Morgado re Compliance with Chapter 125 of the Acts of 2005. Formal vote to be taken on July 24th.
31. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Maxtor Corp. re Notification of Mass Layoff
32. Noted copy mailed; Letter from Mr. Morgado reappointing John Concordia to the COA for a three year term expiring 6/30/09. The Board thanked Mr. Concordia for his time.
33. Noted copy mailed: Notice from Executive Office of Environmental Affairs of Urban River Visions Program.
34. Noted copy mailed: DEP 2007 Project Evaluation Form re Notice of Available Financing for Projects - Clean Water State Revolving Fund.
35. Noted copy mailed: Letter from MassHighway re price adjustment provisions. Fuel costs have increased and changes were made to correct language.
36. Noted copy mailed: Notification from National Grid of maintenance work to be done on transmission line.
37. Noted copy mailed: Legislative Update from Rep. Polito.
38. Noted copy mailed: ARC Alert re MBTA Fare Increase.
39. Noted copy mailed: Corporate Environmental Advisors IRA Completion Report Submittal, 747 Grafton Street.
40. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Richard Quinlivan, 87 Hill Street, re annual budget & financial report. Forward to Fiscal Study Committee for consideration.
41. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Mr. Morgado re Annual Town Meeting Dates. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to return to Oak Middle School for Town Meetings. Motion was made to set the Annual Town Meeting dates for Monday, May 21, 2007, Wednesday & Thursday May 23 & 24, 2007 and Wednesday, May 30, 2007.
42. Noted copy mailed: CMRPC E-News, Vol. 1, No. 2, June 2006.
43. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Michael Grant, 29 Elm Street, re Dog Hearing.
44. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Ellen Dolan, Library Director, re Library Flag. Ms. Dolan advises that the Library accepted Mr. Richardson's offer of a new flag and is now looking into 24 hour illumination.
45. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Director, Angela Snell to Sheriff Glodis re Community Service Program. Director Snell thanked Sheriff Glodis for the work done by his department.
46. Noted copy mailed: Notice from Town Moderator Kevin Byrne re reappointment of David L'Ecuyer, Donna O'Connor and Francis Russell to the Finance Committee.
47. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Rep. Polito to Economic Assistance Coordinating Council re Charles River Laboratories.
48. Noted copy mailed: Notice of Public Meeting from CMRPC re Amendment to FY2006 TIP, Development of Draft 2007-2010 TIP & Draft 2007 Program year Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. DePalo will follow up.
49. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Ken Kirkwood Scoutmaster Troop 158, re recognition of Akshay Dayal attaining rank of Eagle Scout. Board members asked to check their calendars to see who could attend.
50. Noted copy mailed: Request for support from 2006 Latin American Festival.
51. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Sheila Farren, 42F Shrewsbury Green Drive, re Verizon Fios. Regarding cable franchising.
52. Noted copy mailed: MMA Action Alert #10, 6/30/06.
53. Noted copy mailed: Notice from Loitherstein Environmental re Activity & Use Limitation, 32 Maple Avenue. (complete report on file in BOS office)

54. Noted copy mailed: Budget Update from Rep. Polito.
55. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Susan Dyer Mercer, 19 Honeysuckle Lane, re Verizon.
56. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Kevin Mercer, 19 Honeysuckle Lane, re CATV.
57. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Rebecca Touloupakis, 96 Bumble Bee Circle, requesting a four way stop sign at intersection of Bumble Bee Circle, Whippoorwill Drive & Main Boulevard. Forward to Chief Sampson for study and report.
58. Noted copy mailed: Notice from City of Worcester re Public Hearing CitySquare M.G.L.c.40Q Development Program Amendment.
59. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Response Environmental, Inc. re Availability of A-1 RAO, 307 Hartford Turnpike.
60. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Agenda, 7/25/06.
61. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Kim Beaudry, Advancement Coordinator, Troop 227, re recognition of Blake Rong attaining rank of Eagle Scout. Board members asked to check their calendars to see who could attend.
62. Noted copy mailed: Planning Board Agenda, 7/13/06.
63. Noted copy mailed: Public Notification from The Tyree Organization, inc. re Nations Rent, Inc.
64. Noted copy mailed: Arc Alert: Governor Considering Partnership's State Funding.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:43pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussing the value of real property. On a roll call vote Mr. Card, yes, Mr. McCaffrey, yes, Mr. Fiore, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Lebeaux, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary